

REMARKS

With the entry of this amendment claims 1, 2, 8-10, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 19 will be pending; claims 1 and 9 have been amended and claims 4-7, 12, 15 and 17 have been canceled.

The allowance of claims 13-15, 18 and 19 is noted with appreciation. This amendment is designed to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 9, 16 and 17 and to restrict the remaining claims to the allowed subject matter of claims 13-15, 18 and 19.

The examiner is requested to enter this amendment since it is believed to place the case in condition for allowance without raising any new issues or requiring a further search .

The subject matter of allowed dependent claim 15 (dependent upon claim 1) has been placed in independent form by inserting said subject matter into claim 1 and canceling claim 15.

Claim 9 has been converted into an independent claim by inserting the subject matter of claim 1 after "preparation of". It has also been amended to require the CR granules to contain microspores that are the result of being generated by abrasion or by the use of water-soluble additives. The claim has also been amended to require that the process is carried out in a fluidized bed, i.e., "said process being carried out in a fluidized bed". These amendments are believed to overcome the rejection of claims 9, 16 and 17 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. It is now clear that the fluidized bed and the microspores are required limitations.

Claim 10 should now be allowable since it depends on the subject matter of allowed claim 15 (now amended claim 1).

Claims 2 and 8 (claim 3 has been canceled previously) should also be allowable since they in effect, are now dependent on the allowed subject matter of claim 15.

The examiner is thanked again for the telephone interview where the issue of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 9, 16 and 17 was discussed.

Favorable action by the examiner is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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